THE REV. DR. ERNEST M. STIRES, OF ST. THOMAS'S CHURCH.

Who preached yesterday on the heroic example set by the men who went down on the Titanic.

CHURCHES PRAY FOR AND PRAISE HEROES

Bishop Greer Preaches at Cathedral of St. John; Dr. Manning at Trinity; Dr. Hall at Divine Paternity Church.

DR STIRES REFERS TO RYERSONS

Sobs are Heard as Music Hushes or Preacher Pauses, and Whereever Special Services are Held Congregations Fill Pews to Utmost Capacity.

Whatever their difference in doctrine and form, whatever their difference in tongue, the churches of New York yesterday were in accord in devoting, through clergy and congregation, prayers and praise for the dead heroes of the Titanic, and to the bereaved, the living, words of sympathy and comfort.

The Rev. Dr. Stires, of St. Thomas's, spoke feelingly of Colonel Astor, his parishioner; of Major Butt, of Mr. and Mrs. Isidor Straus and of Benjamin Guggenheim, whom he had known personally, and threw new light on the wonderful self-control of Arthur Ryerson, likewise a communicant of St. Thomas's.

There was criticism from certain quarters of the commercial spirit which yielded to the mania for speed, but in general the messages from the pulpits urged that judgment be suspended until all the facts were

In every instance where special services had been announced the church was crowded, and often, as the preacher paused or the music hushed, sobs could be heard.

street, yesterday morning. The temporary tructure set inside the slowly rising walls great disaster, as

and to Benjamin Guggenheim, with whom ready voiced, and I can but repeat it.

to many. Mrs. Rycrson and her and high three children, survivors of the disaster, were in the congregation, and the wife hs-

were in the congregation, and the condition of the condit

Speaks of Mrs. Ryerson.

I wish to speak also of that wife, the rescued on the Carpathia drew olutions expressing their gratitude to icers of the ship, they began in the form: "Whereas, through the devotte officers of the Carpathia" asked rany one had a suggestion to make it that woman, hurrying hore to the lot of her son, leaving been to make it that woman, hurrying hore to the lot of her son, leaving been to the lot of her son, leaving been to the lot of her son, leaving been structured that woman, hurrying hore to the lot of her son, leaving been structured to the landic, who arose and said that on the occasion she would suggest that solutions begin: "Whereas, in the of God and through the devotion of ficers of the Carpathia" the considers of the Carpathia" the considers of the Carpathia with the devotion of ficers of the Carpathia with mar and deface our social lites of race or creed our social lites of race or creed our social lites of race or creed our social lites of the boat, the crease of the passengers as the monster sank beneath the surface of the landic, who arose and said that on the occasion she would suggest that solutions begin: "Whereas, in the of God and through the devotion of ficers of the Carpathia" the beneath the devotion of ficers of the Carpathia" the considerable of the carpathia with mar and deface our social lites of race or creed our social lites of the carpathia with mar and deface our social lites of race or creed our social lites of the carpathia with mar and deface our social lites of the carpathia with mar and deface our social lites of race or creed our social lites of race or creed our social lites of race and that the boat could not sink. He described lite to the boat lying two miles beneath the surface of the mid-Atlantic, who gross and said that on such an occasion she would suggest that the resolutions begin: "Whereas, in the inercy of God and through the devotion of the officers of the Carpathia"

out. Dr. Stires said that no more sublime chapter in the history of heroism and chivalry had ever been written. It was rithin the week, a story as bright and beautiful as the brightest parr in divine it, manking more ennobled and faith in uman nature stronger.

in the Spanish war he had proved that he was not afraid of the bullets of the enemy, and that in the end he proved that he could face death without a quiver.

"It Is a Glorious Epitaph."

"Friends," he said, "it is a glorious epitanh: 'He died like a brave man.'

known for twenty years. He described him as a soldier, a Christian and a gentleman. The army, the country and the He was another Bayard, he said. without fear and without reproach and Mrs. Straus and Mr. Guggenheim, he declared, were worthy of the spirit of example of the greatest Jew the

too hasty in laying the blame for the ac- it had taught and the grentness of characthe travelling public, he said. Why was from the pulpit-the first for the survivors spend six months in Europe every year, the families and friends of the dead. In his but could not afford six hours more on the

He reviewed the great disasters of the last year and pointed out that little heed warned, taught, rewarded, punished His children, he said, but he could not compel them. If they wished to disregard his warnings they did so at the peril of their

CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN.

Vincent Astor, son of Colonel John Jacob Astor, who was drowned on the Titanic,

ST. THOMAS'S CHURCH.

The beroic example of the men who went down on the Titanic and the wealth of inspiration which they left to the world greater, perhaps, than if they had lived out the term of their natural lives, were set forth in the memorial sermon preached by the Rev. Dr. Ernest M. Stires at St. Thomas's Church, Fifth avenue and 52d street, yesterday morning. The temporary spilot conscience has startled and appalled us, last also struck us dumb, and feeling and sharing the sorrow of those who have been bereft, we know not what to do but to bow our heads and suffer in silence with them and weep with those that weep. For this certainly is not the occasion of the service in which to try to show in what way or ways that disaster on the service in which to try to show in what way or ways that disaster on the service in which to try to show in what way or ways that disaster on the service in which to try to show in what way or ways that disaster on the service in which to try to show in what way or ways that disaster on the service in which to try to show in what way or ways that disaster on the service in which to try to show in what way or ways that disaster on the service in which to try to show in what way or ways that disaster on the service in which to try to show in the service in which to try to show in the service in which to try to show in the service in which to try to show in the service in which to try to show in the service in which to try to show in the service in which to try to show in the service in which to try to show in the service in which to try to show in what way or ways that disaster on the service in which to try to show in what way or ways that disaster on the service in which to try to show in the service in which to try to show in what way or ways that disaster on the service in which to try to show in the service in which to try to show in the service in which to try to show in the service in which to try to show in the service in which to try to show in the service in which to

structure set inside the slowly rising walls of the new church building was filled to overflowing, and generous was the response which came to the rector's appeal for material aid for the destitute survivors of the tragedy.

During the latter part of the sermon, when Dr. Stires told of the last moments of several of the passengers well known to many in the congregation personally and to all by name, subdued sobbing could be heard from all quarters of the church. The rector paid tribute by name to Colonel John Jacob Astor and Arthur Ryerson, who have some in scrow to survive them.

And what is our message for them?—but what is their message for them?—but what is their message for the who have some in scrow to survive them.

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And what is our message for them?—but what is their message for the serior to remove them.

This morning, however, and in this church we saw to thinking so much of those who shall hereafter sall upon the season of the measures to be adopted for the better protection of them, but rather of those who have sure not tribute by no many to the measures to be adopted for the better protection of them, but rather of those who shall be readed and met its present its protection of them. But rather of those who shall be measures to be adopted for the measures to be adopted for the measures to be adopted for the better protection of them. But rather of those who shall be readed and met its protection of them. But rather of those who shall be readed and met its protection of them. But rather of those who shall be measures to be adopted for the measures to be adopt

Message of Sacrificial Bravery

fore the wonderful rich than the his presence, standing nearer to God? A Message from God, denvered to a nearer to God? Shall not their example teach this twofold lasson to us, that in spite of all their lacks tist Church last night, Dr. Churchs A tist Church last night, Dr. Church shat it was the belief that

And again from this disaster another mes

such a great loss of life.

survivors of the heroism of those that were should try to build safely and securely our modern social life. Let us not fail to heed and learn and take to heart this message from the sea.

And what is the message from the sea to those who have survived it? That is a message which in the sanctuary of their sorrow God alone can give. We may not intrude into that holy place, lest any voice of ours should make them less distinctly lear that other voice of God.

To His gracious mercy and protection we commend them, these bear upon the burden of our prayer. In their loneliness may they have the comfert of His presence, in their perplexity the guidance of His wisdom and in the sorrow of their separation from friends out of sight may they have the peace of the fellowship of Him who hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows and by whose stripes we are healed. Our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

TRINITY CHURCH.

Dr. Manning, rector of Trinity Church.

Fights and the men were brave, thank God! One of these men, my dear friend, whom I met seven years ago in Cleveland, went down. His wife and baby reached shore on the sent name, thank God! One of these men, my dear friend, whom I met seven years ago in Cleveland, went down. His wife and baby reached shore on the sent name, thank God! One of these men, my dear friend, whom I met seven years ago in Cleveland, went down. His wife and baby reached shore on the swife and the seven years ago in Cleveland, went down. His wife and baby reached shore on the swife and the seven years ago in Cleveland, went down. His wife and baby reached shore on the swife and the seven years ago in Cleveland, went down. His wife and baby reached shore on the swife and the swife and the wend on the swife and the would not return when I first heart of the wrong this wife and baby reached shore on the swife and the would not return when I first heart of the wrong the swife of the would not return when I first heart of the wrong this wife of the would not return when I first heart of the wrong this wife of t

Dr. Manning, rector of Trinity Church Dr. Stires warned his hearers not to be out of the Titanic disaster by the lesson Many were guilty-first of all close of his sermen he read three prayers asked, that people could afford to the second for the dead and the third for sermon he said, in part: At the present time there are sadness and

Aster, who was drowned on the Titanic, attended the memorial services at the Catheir loved ones shown by the women—that loval devotion to their loved ones shown by the women—that loval devotion to the women that loval devotion to their howards and children rather than be saved, and they might well have been by going away in the lifeboats. There must be jey in cur hearts that these men and women, when they met the supreme test, faced it in such a manner.

Their example on board that sinking boat has made the world richer, has given this generation a greater heritage to leave to

THE DIVINE PATERNITY.

In the presence of a large congregation

the boys who destroyed all the furniture in us that we have an eternal destiny, and It was announced yesterday by Miss C a house that each might have some certhroughout the congregation, which filled

MADISON AVENUE BAPTIST. The God's explanation of the sinking of the stary, the Very Rev. J. V. Lewis, and of families separated by the sinking of the memorial one, we persons who knew the mass, which was celebrated by the Rev. Titanic. A few of those seeking relatives came forward to receive. The love of God is everywhere shown the forces of nature but the force but the for tist Church last night, Dr. Charles A.

"The boat was equipped with baths, gym- ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

nasiums, élevators, every known safety de-A flag so large that it hardly appeared to sailors was held in honor of the Titanic vice that science has produced, and the be at halfmast was suspended above the main entrance to St. Bartholomew's Church yesterday morning, and a congregation that crowded the edifice to the doors joined in reverent ceremonial in memory of the Titanic's dead at the regular morning service. The rector, the Rev. Dr. Leighton Parks, officiated, following the order of ginning her trip, the passengers believing service prescribed in the Bishop's circular that the boat could not sink. He described letter to the churches of this Episcopal diocese.

was a passenger on the Titanic, but the vice-president of the International Marine Company, P. A. S. Franklin, is a pewholder there.

Although be did not mention him by name, Dr. Parks made a reference to him that he felt sure he voiced the sentiments of all present when he assured that official that all of the members of the congregation felt the most profound sympathy and respect for that friend and brother in the heavy load of labors and anxieties that had come to him during the last week. He said,

including Oscar Straus and his son and daughter-a memorial service was held in the Church of the Divine Paternity. No member of the church had been a passenger on the ill fated vessel, but members of the congregation had friends who had been

the congregation had friends who had been lost. None of the survivors of the wreck was present.

Dr. Frank Oliver Hall, pastor of the church, sald he never saw a better illustration of the ideas of God's protection than a picture being shown by one working man to another in a car in the middle of the week. It was a large hand, with extended fingers under the vessel holding up the beat from submergence beneath the water

"The explanation being given by one of the men," said the pastor, "was that without the protection of God the vessel would have smitten itself to pieces and wives

But the congregation had friends who had been donfidence, with training and the power of discipline. The men who stood on that deck, in the presence of disaster, with the call the a power of discipline. The resence of disaster, with the said power of discipline. The resence of disaster, with the said confidence, with training and the power of discipline. The resence of disaster, with training and the power of discipline. The resence of disaster, with training and the power of discipline. The resence of disaster, with training and the power of discipline. The resence of disaster, with the said confidence, with training and the power of discipline. The resence of disaster, with training and the power of discipline. The resence of disaster, with the said copiline. The men who stood on that deck, in the presence of disaster, with the said copiline. The resence of disaster, with the said copiline. The research of discipline. The resence of disaster, with the said copiline. The research of discipline. The research

ge on and say God is our refuge and our strength? What has the Church to say beyond dogmatism and that 'the ways of Frovidence are mysterious and past finding out? Let us look at various explanations." Then he continued:

Brief reference to the Titanic disaster was made at St. Patrick's Cathedral at the 11 o'clock mass vesterday by the

responsible for learning those laws and those who lost their lives in the disaster. morning three rooms rented by the or-We know not the day or the hour when with clothing, including everything from know whether our lives will be long or been distributed at the various charitable

> came on earth and died for us, gave us no more gifts of clothing were needed. The no assurance of our length of days here, response to the appeal, Miss Stuart said, an eternity with Him hereafter."

SAILORS HOLD MEMORIAL. A memorial service attended entirely by

ciety's Institute. No. 507 West street. the Cedric and the Mauretania. Officers from the Mauretania, in their gold braid, a glimpse of her while on board the Car-Addresses were made by the Rev. Dr

George McPherson Hunter, secretary of Deems, pastor of the Church of the Sea and by the Rev. Dr. Charles Townsend, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Orange, N. J. "The sinking of the Titanic" said Dr

to the power of man. We go on construct ing our buildings so high that the ancient built towers that scrape the sky, and swoiers like them at sea." He continued:

seemingly irresistore, and adorted like the luxurious palaces of mighty kings. And to find names which we consider appropriate for these temples of our pride we have swept the vocabulary of man. Once "Majestic" was sufficient to describe our work, but then we built greater and worthy to describe our creations.

The mountain of Thessaly, fabled abode of the gods of might and beauty, gave us "Olympic," and the race of giants who piled mountain on mountain to fight these gods in their own abode gave us "Ti-

A week ago to-night we called this proud

A week ago to-night we called this proud Titanic mistress of the sea, but a blue white mountain of ice came down from the Arctic solitudes, and after a pitifully brief struggle nature showed once more to man how miserably weak are he and his creations.

The youth of our land need turn no more to Thermopole, Waterloo, Valley Forge or Lexington for a source to enkindle the torch of moral and physical heroism.

They can find it on the sloping decks of an ocean palace, where hundreds of men and women awalted God's summons with the fortitude of a Straus, an Astor, a Major Butt, and where devoted women like that venerable mother of Israel remained with her consort to share with him his immediate entrance into immortality, as she had shared with him his long earthly pilgrimage.

THINKS HEROISM SECONDARY Cardinal Gibbons Admires More Evidences of Religious Feeling. Washington, April 21.-Cardinal Gibbons.

in the course of a sermon at St. Stephen's Church here to-day, referred to the Titario

extended fingers under the vessel holding up the beat from submergence beneath the water.

They did not ask why, nor if any help-less, poor creature were worth saving. The remote cause of this unspeakable distance was no question of buying cheap and sell-ling dear. They sold themselves for naught; they gave their lives away. Such a sacrificed name and comforts that even would have gone down with husbands. But a power held up the vessel, and although husbands had gone to watery graves wives were saved.

"Was that the hand of God? Can we go on and say God is our refuge and our strength? What has the Church to say he to the men of the sacrifice, but it was made. Those women who go about shrieking for their rights" want something very different.

The remote cause of this unspeakable distance is the excessive pursuit of luxury. Valuable space was sacrificed in order that men and women might not lose for a day they gave their lives away. Such a sacrifice a markably high speed was kept up amid grave perils for the purpose of gain, and for the same reason many hundreds of the sacrifice, but it was made. Those women men who go about shrieking for their rights" want something very different.

Their example on board that sinking boat in the front seats, with heads bowed.

Mourners for lost friends and relatives, they waited to take part in a tribute to which four thousand others were later to join. The church, deserted at that hour except for this small group, was draped in black and purple.

It is in times of great disaster like at color this small group, was draped in black and purple.

It is impossible to voice with adequate expression that sense of grefs and loss which is today so widely and so profoundly feit.

Their example on board that sinking boat sinking boat shifting to the world richer, has given this strength? What has the Church to say be generation a greater heritage to leave to those brave men and women who died in the sinking of the world richer are pression and past fellows and past fellows and past find the world richer and past find the world richer, has given this sement and past for everned evotion to those brave men and women who died in the sinking of the troof loss of the shifting examples of the world richer, has given this strength? What has the Church to say be generation a greater heritage to leave to those brave men and past find the ways of those senerations to come. We can pay our frowled dormatism and that 'the ways of those senerations to come. We can pay our frowled dormatism and past for everned evotion to those brave men and past find the ways of those senerations to come. We can pay our frowled dormatism and that 'the ways of those senerations to come. We can pay our frowled dormatism and that 'the ways of those senerations to come. We can pay our frowled dormatic man past frowled and past frowled in human annals. I admire the shinting our frowled dornations to come. We can pay our frowled the shinting our frowledges of networks and past frowledges of the troof dornations and past frowledges of the troof dornations and past frowledges of the from the ways of those senerations to come. We can pay out 'I the solo at various explanations.' Then he continued:

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would listen to any hint of a suggestion regarding a settlement of the estate anyway, until Mr. Straus's son. Jess Straus, and his family return from Europe They are planning to reach New York .

More Gifts of This Kind.

Boys' Club of St. Bartholomew's Lends Valuable Aid in Work

of Distribution.

More than a dozen women, sided by a number of boys from the Boys' Club of St.

en's Relief Committee for Titanic Survivors

organizations that are caring for the desti-

pathia. He was assured that every effort

would be made to find the missing woman.

After the male survivors at the institu-

tions caring for them were outfitted yes-

terday the remainder of the clothing on

hand was sent to the Prison Association, in

13th street. From there further distribu-

tions will be made. At St. Vincent's Hos-

pital all save a few of the survivors, par-

ticularly those who were mourning, were

few women did not like the cut of the

ciothes given to them, and others raised

objections to wearing hats that were not

adapted to their particular style of beauty

or were out of date. They were informed

that no alterations could be made at pres-

ent nor would hats be exchanged. On the

raised by the Titunic emergency relief com-

ternoon, when a messenger boy delivered

Madison avenue, an envelope containing

When the emergency work is over it is

Another \$5,000 was added to the fund

whole, there was general satisfaction.

supplied with clothes.

that were it not for this hope she w Derhoef, a prominent insurance stor holder, of Brooklyn, are similarly confiden The estate of Henry B. Harris, the theat ical manager, who, according to all ve ions, undoubtedly perished when the tanic went down, is in charge of Max I esterday that no steps had been taken the way of settling the Harris theatries

DELAY SETTLING ESTATES

Heirs Cling to Hope That the Missing Will Yet Return.

NO ACTION FOR LONG TIME

Various Obstacles in Way of Probating Wills of Persons

Thought Lost at Sea.

heirs of Colonel John Jacob Astor are still

band. Any reference to possible steps h ing taken to bring the estates of these me

to probate are indignantly thrown asid

Of the death of Isidor Straus and Me Straus there seems to be no doubt. No on

in touch with the families of the surviving

daughters, three of whom live in New Yor

Mrs. Cummings, wife of John Bradley 'ummings, the broker, is said to be conf-

SURVIVORS ALL CLOTHED by men and women along Broadway wa knew Mr. Harris intimately that William Harris, the father of the manager, wil The clder Mr. Harris was thoroughly Women's Committee Needs No familiar with his son's business. In fact, while Mr. Harris and his wife were in Euope on their vacation the last few months When the younger Harris opened the Harris RED CROSS ADDS \$5,000 Theatre, in West 42d street, with B Stahl starring in "Maggie Pepper," he caused to be inscribed on the program

> dedicate this theatre-Henry B. Harris." There are serious obstacles in the way probating estates of persons who are sup posed to have perished at sea. Hundred been settled and the heirs have enjoy their patrimony, strong in the belief tha of time, the supposed dead appeared in the ndless complications and long drawn of litigations.

SERVICES FOR MAJOR BUTT

The Rev. Mr. Guthrie, Classmate at Sewance, Preaches Sermon

The late Major Archibald W. Butt. 8 part of the public that the committee dents of New York and vicinity, yesterday now had more wearing apparel than it morning attended a memorial service The Women's Relief Committee has also street. The holy communion service, a pl

The rector of St. Mark's, the Rev. W. instances the committee has been able to Guthrie, was a classmate and preached who had been a third-cabin passenger on the Titanic, called at the offices seeking mentioned the information concerning the whereabouts of was "How Shall We View God in the Lig a maid to one of the women passengers in committee the first cabin. Harris did not know the tions of sympathy and forward th name of his relative's employer, but he was the major's family, which resides in Wash certain that she was safe, having caught ington. Classmates who are members B. Elliott and William M. Puckette. On who knew the major well and had take

> imagined 'Archie' Butt would make a solbut 'Archie' came up so. A man of in ideals and always living up to them, h built on these ideals, and we now kn the outcome."

TO PLAY "HAMLET" AT BENEFIT

mittee of the Red Cross late Saturday af- Performance in Honor of Shakespeare Birthday Will Be Repeated. Mayor Gaynor has accepted the offer

commemoration performance of "Hamlet to be given at Wallack's Theatre to-morn day that the gift was being forwarded to afternoon in honor of the birthday Shakespeare, and the performance will epeated later for the benefit of needy s vivors of the Titanic. The date for the benefit will be likely that the Red Cross will take over the remainder of the general fund raised in nounced later. It will probably be given

the city to attend to the permanent relief Wallack's Theatre on Friday afternoon.

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